

CIA'S DIRTY TRICKS AGAINST POL POT LEAK OUT

Hidden in the back pages of a recent *Wall Street Journal*, a small paragraph revealed the true role of the C.I.A. in discrediting the legitimate Pol Pot government of Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia). The article sums-up a speech on "U.S. Foreign Policy Achievements" given by the State Department Counselor Matthew Nimetz. Nimetz concludes that the U.S. ruling class' "Human Rights" campaign was successful in slandering Pol Pot.

After defeating U.S. imperialism militarily in 1975, Pol Pot, as head of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, became the Prime Minister of the newly independent Kampuchean government. Immediately after the U.S. was being kicked out, the C.I.A. launched a worldwide smear campaign to undermine independent Kampuchea. They accused Pol Pot of starving and massacring the Kampuchean people. Imperialism doesn't operate only through military invasions of other peoples' countries. It also uses a complex network of propaganda (like different Voices of Americas) that consciously spreads misinformation on a global scale. For example, during the 60's and 70's, the government lied to the American public denying that the U.S. military was bombing Kampuchea and that the U.S. was intensifying its involvement in Southeast Asia, all the while claiming de-escalation of the war.

With a sinister sneer, the *Wall Street Journal* editorial concludes, "We had thought the C.I.A. was out of business, and are glad to know it did in Pol Pot, all the while managing to have the world think his fall was engineered by the invading North Vietnamese armies." The Vietnamese aggressors and the Soviet imperialists overthrew Kampuchea militarily.

But U.S. imperialism succeeded in discrediting Pol Pot politically.

U.S. Prefers Pro-Soviet Governments

The U.S. would rather deal with a pro-Soviet regime in third world countries than a government that opposes superpowers. For example, referring to Angola, Andrew Young made his notorious statement that Cuban troops were a "stabilizing force." The U.S. allowed Gulf Oil to continue to operate there. Also, it is gambling that the Angolan masses will one day rise up against the 20,000 Cuban occupation forces and the Russian "advisors" and this, the U.S. thinks, will be a better condition for the U.S. to appear the "true friend of the Angolan people."

The C.I.A. politically discredited Pol Pot as a butcher in hopes of installing a "moderate" and "predictable" (pro-U.S.) government. The imperialists always call genuine communists "unreasonable" and "fanatical." Revolutionaries are seen as "unpredictable" precisely because the imperialists can never control them through backroom deals that result in predictable solutions favorable to the imperialists. The starting point for communists and consistently patriotic national bourgeoisie (like Khomeini) in third world countries is how to keep both superpowers out of their countries in order for the majority of the people to run their own internal affairs.

As long as Viet Nam and the Soviet Union are in Kampuchea, the U.S. will continue to "condemn" them in order to gain favorable pro-U.S. opinion in the world and hopefully get its foot back in the door by controlling local anti-Soviet forces.



Pol Pot is hated by both superpowers because under his leadership, Kampuchea stood up to imperialism and was on the road to economic self-sufficiency, producing enough to feed its people and more.



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